

NOTE ON PARATHERESIA INTRODUCTION IN LOUISIANA

The note in *Journal of Economic Entomology*, XXXI, 632 (1938), is much changed from the manuscript that was sent in May 30, 1938. This was done without consulting the writer and led in one instance to a preposterous statement, inasmuch as referring the whole tribe Theresiini to the single genus *Theresia* is indefensible and not merely questionable. The manuscript read that the reference of *Paratheresia* spp. "to *Theresia* is ridiculous taxonomically and confusing economically. One might as well refer the whole tribe Theresiini to the one genus *Theresia!*"

The note was sent in particularly to draw the attention of economic entomologists to the lamentable blunder of confusing *P. signifera* with *P. claripalpis*, which caused a heavy financial loss through a great expenditure of funds over a period of years with absolutely no positive result. The special emphasis laid on this point in the manuscript was suppressed in the published note.

It seems that, under the present management of the above journal, a contributor has no voice of his own but must say what is put in his mouth by its editor. The legitimate functions of an editor, once he accepts a manuscript for publication, do not include any changes or omissions of grammatically correct wording. Too many editors fancy themselves responsible for what a contributor says and often, not knowing the subject, make him say ridiculous things.—CHARLES H. T. TOWNSEND.